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Ladies and Gentlemen of thee Cambridge City Council;

I cannot be at the BDS Resolution discussion during the April 23, 2018 City Council Meeting.

I was resident in the City of Cambridge from 1938 until my graduation from Cambridge High and Latin School in 1956. My mother was a 'Gal Friday' for the Federated Jewish Agencies of Greater Boston from 1937 until 1945. My first experience of Judeophobia was presented by children from the Catholic grammar school in the next block where the Nuns taught nonsense that only pagans whose worship included rites of human sacrifice could have praised. I have worked in several locations in the US: NY City; Philadelphia, PA; San Diego, CA; Santa Ana, CA; Auburn, ME and Framingham, MA – none of these locales was as directly inimical to Jews as the City of Cambridge.

I have been back only briefly since, but I must say that your consideration of a BDS Resolution is in keeping with the Judeophobia I experienced in the City as a child. Obviously, none of you have read "The Case Against BDS: Why Singling out Israel is Anti-Semitic and Anti-Peace", the most recent publication by the former Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard, Alan Dershowitz. I will just add that your proposed resolution makes me ashamed to admit that I ever resided in Cambridge, MA.

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